

THE WENONAH Warbler



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Jeff's Jottings!

This year's Warbler celebrates and shares the stories of the 2015 season while looking ahead to what is sure to be a memorable and unique 2016 anniversary season as we celebrate the very best of Wenonah. Summer Camp Director Geoff "Rudy" Williamson, Outdoor Centre Director Fraser "Tito" McOuat, Associate Directors Caron Brick, Mike Stewart, Nancy Vandenberg & Simon Wells, Executive Chef Brad Laidlaw, Womens Weekend Coordinator Julia Stephenson, 20/20 Co-Chair Liz McClounie, 20/20 Co-Chair & Period Five Director Jason Monteith, WEEnonah Directors Maia Bradshaw & Barb Janicek and Wenonah Board Chair Renata Bradshaw are all to be congratulated for all their hard work and dedication towards another terrific year for Camp Wenonah, our popular Women's Weekend programs and The Camp Wenonah Centre for Outdoor Education.

Inside this edition of the Warbler:

- A recap of major program and property projects completed in 2015.
- A look ahead to some fantastic new initiatives for the 2016 season.
- Find out who received Five Year and Ten Year Camper Awards in 2015.
- Associate Director Barb Janicek is honoured with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award.
- 2015 Schaefer Scholarships are awarded to Natalie Fox, John Ramsay, Jared Perlmutter and Stephanie Sutcliffe.
- 2015 Simon Wells First Year Staff Leadership Awards are presented to Emma Murray and Colin Long.
- Joseph Taylor is the 2015 Service Without Recognition Award recipient.
- Aki Nation Celebrates the first Aki Challenge Cup winning season in nine years.
- Wenonah 20/20: 20 Events to Celebrate 20 Years in 2016.
- A unique mother/daughter story of camping through the years.
- We offer thanks to the many recent Wenonah Foundation donors.
- **And, much, much more!**

On behalf of the Wenonah Management Team (Caron, Rudy, Tito & Renata), our Associate Directors (Simon, Jason, Liz, Barb, Stewy & Nancy) and our staff and the entire Wenonah community, our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016!



See you at Camp!

Jeff Bradshaw
Founder / Executive Director



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WELCOME TO WENONAH!

Each year, Wenonah hosts an information session for registered first time families AND those that would like to hear more about the Wenonah Summer Camp program and experience.

Welcome to Wenonah is led by Executive Director Jeff Bradshaw and Summer Camp Director Geoff "Rudy" Williamson and lasts for 45 minutes.

OAKVILLE

Oakville Holiday Inn (QEW and Trafalgar)
590 Argus Road,
Oakville

Saturday, April 2, 2016
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Please RSVP to Caron Brick at the Burlington Camp Office (905-631-2849) or by email (caron@campwenonah.com).

In addition, Rudy and Jeff are available for in-home presentations for new and interested families in January, February and March each year. Please contact Rudy directly at the Burlington Office OR by email (rudy@campwenonah.com) to check availability and make arrangements.



PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND PLANS: 2015 IN REVIEW AND A LOOK AHEAD TO 2016

2015 was another exciting year for new initiatives, new programs and new facilities. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Four more cabin interiors were refurbished in advance of the 2015 season (Elm, Birch, Oak and Beech).
- A fantastic NEW Girls Section Campfire was built in late Fall 2014 and was ready for use in 2015.
- Barb's Place was magically transformed into Barb's Palace which included the removal of the centre wall, the floor refinished and the purchase of all new chairs and couches.
- The Vertical Playground was replaced by the Dangle A Maze.
- Leadership Village had a new look with the addition of the Bonsai tabin and an ongoing revitalization project which included all new tarps and canvas being replaced on many tabins.
- Additional whitewater kayaks were purchased.
- The Archery program enjoyed a significant equipment inventory renewal.
- Gallery seating was installed at The Pines at mattburke's mountain.

Coming in 2016:

- An exciting, fresh look for the Main Campfire including new seats and a repositioned campfire and stage.
- The refurbishment of the Climbing Wall.
- The purchase of new tripping canoes.
- The implementation of more physical challenge programs including Morning Runs and the return of the Swim Around/Across the Lake Challenge.
- A complete revamping of Wenonah's Creative Program (led by Program Consultant Renata Bradshaw and Camp Director Geoff "Rudy" Williamson).
- The purchasing of new Guitars.
- The implementation of a Tripping Skills PIC.
- The revitalization of the Saw Lake campsites.
- More camper engagement in All Camp program development (ballots distributed for Sing-A-Long Lunch songs and All Camp Campfires).
- Further interior cabin refurbishments (Balsam, Maple, White Ash, Cedar)
- Erosion control along the cabin lines.
- New food counter and kitchen serving window space.
- Visitors washrooms refurbished



WE GET LETTERS!

Each year we are thrilled to receive a tremendous number of heartfelt letters, cards and emails from campers, parents, staff members and many others reflecting on the value of the Wenonah experience.

Here is just a small sample following the 2015 season:

FROM A FORMER STAFF MEMBER AND NOW CAMP MOM:

"Hello! I couldn't let the Summer slip by without sending you a note of thanks.

As you know (by my nervous/panicked Mom email and phone call) we dropped off a very nervous, anxious, worried, scared and slightly not feeling well 12 year old boy at Camp just over two weeks ago. I was pretty worried to say the least, worried for him, worried for his counsellor and section director fearing that they would have to pull out every trick they could think of to try to make his 2 week experience even somewhat tolerable. I needn't have worried!

To our amazement and surprise we picked up a boy full of excitement, stories, memories, and smiles; a boy full of confidence who already has plans and goals for next Summer at Camp. In fact I don't think we had made it to the end of the road, when both our boys asked please could they come to Camp again next year for 2 weeks. (because in their words "2 weeks is WAY more fun than 1 week" in fact "2 weeks makes 1 week seem boring!") I want to thank and commend you and your staff for such a positive, rewarding, memorable and exciting experience for both our kids.

Over the past few days we have heard (and continue to hear) countless stories about their Camp adventures. We



have heard about a few big events: the scrumptious Sunday brunch, the fireworks to kick off Wenonah Games and that ultimate frisbee game in the downpour.

But mostly what we have heard, and in great detail, is story after story of little moments: the WCIT that made the trek from Leadership Village to the Balsam cabin to pick up any camper who wanted to join him for morning dip each morning, the staff who practised, coached and encouraged our older son to learn how to roll a kayak each day during PICS, the counsellor who patiently learned how to play a favourite card game of our younger son and played on his bunk with him one rest hour, the games/stories/quiet activities that staff and WCIT's organized for the boys each night before bed, the group of staff who sang a song at the Closing Campfire together because they were all WCIT's in the same year, the group that shared a song from their first language, the racing from one part of Camp to another to cheer on all the triathletes during Wenonah Games, the presentations made to the campers who were chosen to be Team Captains and why those campers were chosen, details of all the awards and why each camper, Polaris or WCIT was selected, sharing a PIC with an international camper and learning more about another country, the moments just chatting to a WCIT, a counsellor, a camper from an older cabin, or a camper on a different Wenonah games team, sharing the beautiful sight of the mist rising off the lake in the early early morning with his cabin, the section directors leading the boys to the main campfire circle by torch light, the mini announcements that made the boys laugh the hardest and the list goes on.

Clearly it was not the big events, the big programs and Camp activities that made Camp so special for both our boys, but rather the people and the countless moments and memories those people created. Your staff and your leadership campers, your camping community - have shown a 9 and 12 year old boy what Camp is really all about. And we thank you for that. "



FROM A PARENT OF A CAMPER AND A STAFF MEMBER:

"It was a big year for our family and I wanted you to know how greatly and wonderfully impacted both of my children were again this year. My son, in his first year on staff, was both important and quite altering in a most positive way.

But it was my daughter's year that was so truly moving. When she came home and described her week long trip as not only the highlight in a decidedly fantastic month but as "life-changing" I will tell you in all honesty that it brought me to tears in a most positive way for her... and me for her future. Polaris has been such an important month for a second time in our home. I cannot say enough about the positive benefits of this leadership program. And it is clearly evidenced as I have now sent two already pretty amazing kids away and you've sent them back even better.

As I tell Jeff every year, Camp has the most positive and lasting effects on them both and for that I will be eternally grateful. We are so blessed to have stumbled upon Camp Wenonah all those years ago."



FROM A CURRENT STAFF MEMBER:

"Every year I came to Camp as a camper I would usually arrive with a bit of a stomach ache, kind of nervous for what was to come. Nevertheless, my parents and I knew that the day the form arrives to sign up for the next Summer, I would want it to be sent in as soon as possible. The stories I would tell my parents after Camp would go on and on. What I feel as though I may not have noticed when I was much younger was how a large majority of the wonderful stories I had to share only occurred because of the work done by the dedicated and talented staff members at Wenonah. A large majority of my favourite moments at Camp as a camper really were created solely by the people at Camp. There didn't need to be water skiing or high ropes to make cool lasting memories, all there needed to

be were the people and the Wenonah frame of mind. Camp Wenonah was and continues to not just be any old Camp and I truly do believe that is largely because of the staff; those who really care about Camp. Now as a staff member, especially this year being a counsellor, I feel as though I get it more. I have a greater understanding of the immense effort put in by the staff each and every day, I understand the dedication and connection people feel towards Wenonah and I understand how huge an impact a seemingly simple action can have on another person. I feel as though the philosophies that Wenonah works by have become part of my philosophies. For that I thank you and everyone else involved in Camp. I truly do believe that being at Camp, working in the roles I have, interacting with the staff and campers, being in the Camp atmosphere and really growing up at Wenonah during the month of July have all played a large role in who I am today and have made me a better person. Currently I do not feel as though I have the proper words to describe it, but the staff, campers and physical site of Wenonah do and always will have a very special place in my heart. Though another Summer at Camp may still only provide one more point on my written resume, my personal resume has grown by pages and pages this Summer. The experiences, skills, knowledge, relationships and memories I have gained from working at Wenonah this past Summer honestly are irreplaceable and cannot be duplicated. And for that again I am most definitely appreciative."

FROM A FIRST TIME CAMPER PARENT

"I spoke with Camp during the 48 hour call. From the conversation, my son is having a great time and adjusted really well & quickly to the Camp Wenonah environment. I was so thrilled to hear that. My son is a really sweet kid who makes the most of every situation - I hope all the boys are having just an awesome time at Camp. I'm hoping that this will be the first year of many to come. Camp is a quintessential Canadian experience of the outdoors, of friendship and of learning. Love it! Wenonah's values really resonated with us as a family. It is a bit of a leap of faith to entrust your kids but one we felt really good about."



FROM A TEACHER ATTENDING THE OUTDOOR CENTRE WITH THEIR SCHOOL:

"We wanted to say a HUGE thank you for another AMAZING camp experience. I believe this year was even better than last! The Wenonah staff were incredible and the kids truly loved them. Chef Brad was his usual outstandingly flexible, friendly self. I was thrilled to see all the other great Wenonah counsellors. We thank you for being so accommodating and for making our stay the absolute best it could be! The flexibility, communication and superb activities all lent to making life long memories and a VERY positive experience. So much so, that when I ran into a group of kids at the mall on Saturday they professed to arriving home Friday only to immediately want to turn around and return to Camp! Again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!"



FROM A FORMER STAFF MEMBER:

"I went for a run early Wednesday morning and something about that time of day made me think a lot about Camp. Maybe it was just the quiet, empty streets before a bustling day. Maybe it was the sun and trees and water. But in thinking about Camp I realized that it is almost the end of July Camp and I found that so insane to believe. This Summer, my first time being away in 14 years, it really seems as though Camp cannot possibly be going on without me. Although of course I know from Instagram that it is and that it looks like everyone is having an amazing time. I'm so glad.

This Summer away has so far been a really cool experience. I've been able to fully appreciate how much Camp has given me through a new daily routine. I'm able to get along with and relate to people at work, even though we come from very different walks of life. I am perpetually early to meetings and appointments. At the end of what seems like the longest day ever I am able to find some hidden reserves of energy to clean up my apartment so it's fresh and organized for the next busy day. When the earthquake struck Nepal (the epicenter located almost exactly at the heart of our research station) I was able to come together with others to brainstorm problem solving approaches and help set them into motion. I'm sure I wouldn't be half as hardworking and motivated if I hadn't spent the last four Summers as a staff member where those characteristics were so carefully cultivated.

Though I do miss Camp, this Summer feels right to me. I love being able to keep up with everything going on down Bird Lake Road, but still be steering my life in the direction that it needs to go. Quiet early mornings outdoors will always remind me of dawns on Clear Lake and how blessed I am that they are part of my life."

WENONAH GAMES 2015 RECAP

Aki is back on top! The comeback is complete!

Aki won their first Challenge Cup since 2006, ending the longest drought in Challenge Cup history. Aki and Zibbins ended in an astonishing tie in July Camp (the first tie since 2009), but Aki stormed to a convincing win in August Camp to secure the month of August and the Challenge Cup.

Final 2015 Challenge Cup standings (combined points from July and August Camp Wenonah Games plus Staff PreCamp in June and several events during the year):

Aki 5,505
Dawaa 5,250
Zibbins 5,155



Once again, House Captains led the way for each of the Wenonah Games teams.

The Captains line-up includes:

July Camp Camper House Captains:

Aki: Cacha Varga & Jacob Thompson

Dawaa: Jacqueline Stirling & Cam Lawrence

Zibbins: Tristen Muirhead & Mark Van Hees

August Camp Camper House Captains:

Aki: Caitlin Taylor & Simon Yuan

Dawaa: Eleni Austen & Ryan Segart

Zibbins: Claire Barnard & Johnathon Sanders



Staff Captains & Assistant Captains:

Aki: Graham Steele & Sage Cryderman
 (Staff Captains)

Jared Perlmutter & Erica Zucker
 (Assistants)

Dawaa: Rebecca Malcomson & Ben Waite
 (Staff Captains)

Cam Williamson & Maddy Poole
 (Assistants)

Zibbins: John Ramsay & Haley Oosterman
 (Staff Captains)

Alex Keillor & Jacqueline Simone
 (Assistants)



Trophies were presented for the Female and Male Decathlon Champions as well as the First Place Canoe in the Mickle Island Camper/Staff Canoe Race.

2015 results:

Female Decathlon: Sammie Roper (July)
 Riley Donovan (August)

Male Decathlon: Blake Mueller (July)
 Lorenzo De Corolis (August)

Mickle Island Camper/Staff Canoe Race (July):
 Josh Neizer, Nathan Flegel & Andrew Ladouceur
 (Aki)

Mickle Island Camper/Staff Canoe Race (August):
 Shannon Prouty, Ethan Placek & Andrew Young
 (Aki)

FIVE AND TEN YEAR CAMPERS



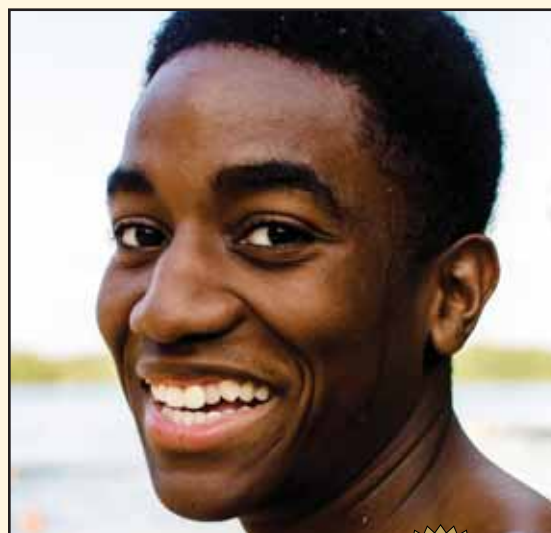
5 YEAR CAMPERS

At presentations each Summer, a personalized engraved miniature paddle is given to each camper celebrating their fifth year at Wenonah. In the Summer of 2015, we were pleased to honour the following campers with their 5 Year Camper Award:

Alexandra Alderson
Allyssa Brick
Simone Brisbin
Charlotte Bussmann
Jessica Carlton
Adrien Castella
Rachael Chapelle
Daniel Cifuentes
Jack Ciotlos
Michael Cormier-
Hazen
Sarah Cormier-Hazen
Alexander Cotter
Brooke Cumming
Graydon Davidson
Miles Davis
Caleb Depatie
Noah Drees
Charlie Dutton
Audrey Easson
Melissa Finlay
Jessica Freyke
Mia Geldart
Kyle Gosrani
Ava Gravel
William Hamnett
Hannah Hutzul
Hayden Jones
Tate Kamps
James Kelly

Joshua Keown
Justin Kim
Sarah Kindler
Caleb Lawler
Maya Lee
Sarah Marina
Hayley Martin
Matthew Martin
Liam Mathers
Liam McDermott
Christian McGowan
Abby McGregor
Emma McGregor
Tara McInnis
Kora McKeon
Keely McSpurren
Thomas Merner
Julia Mesburis
Samuel Meurice
Julia Monteith
Carley Moore
Ethan Moore
Avery Munroe
Tomas Novinc
Parker O'Neill
Shaughnessy O'Neill
Cadence Opoka
Elizabeth Orchard
Adesola Oyegunle
Alex Parsons

Gunnar Popek
Sophie Rashid-Cocker
Justin Reynolds
Jonathan Rogers
Ethan Roode
Josh Rutledge
Kia Samson-Sammet
Mitchell Schaaf
Jonah Schenck
Ruth Schoenhardt
Abbie Scoffield
Karina Sharma
Kate Sibbick
Arden Smith
Imani Soje
Elizabeth Spencer
Madeline Spencer
Jack Stinchcombe
Emma Torgunrud
Rene Urwin
Sam Vanhaverbeke
Daria Walenius
Silja Walenius
Emily Webb
Fraser White
Sunil Wijesundera
Kaitlyn Wu
Megan Wu



10 YEAR CAMPERS

Every Summer we celebrate the campers participating in their tenth year at Wenonah. Each camper is presented with an original piece of stained glass hand-made by Ted Tiemessen of Think Muskoka to commemorate their milestone season at Wenonah. We were thrilled that once again this past Summer, the following names were added to this growing list:

Kieran Hussey
Andrea Long
Katya Tarasoff
Maruf Yakubu





SPRIT OF WENONAH AWARD

In 2012, the Spirit of Wenonah Award was created and presented for the first time to acknowledge campers that have helped to immeasurably further the ideals of community leadership and citizenship during their time at Camp.

Each month we select one female and one male camper that have made many positive, thoughtful, considerate and lasting contributions to life at Camp Wenonah.

Recipients are named by the Section Directors in consultation with Camp Director Rudy and other members of the Wenonah Management Team.

In 2015, we were thrilled to honour:

July Camp

Carley Moore
Joshua Neizer

August Camp

Carlotta Salvatori
Bryan Mills



There is a permanent plaque in the Lodge with each name inscribed. In addition, recipients receive their own personal plaque.

We could not be more proud of Carley, Joshua, Carlotta & Bryan. They truly represent the Spirit of Wenonah!

WEENONAH 2015

Maia Bradshaw – WEEnonah Director

Late in August over 50 young boys and girls experienced Camp Wenonah for the first time.

Through the magical experiences offered by Camp during WEEnonah, these campers were able to immerse themselves into new activities and new friendships.

Some campers arrived early on Monday morning and others arrived on Wednesday to a sea of smiling and enthusiastic counsellors made up of new staff and returning alumni staff. The campers spent some time getting to know each other and the Camp staff through games like "Everyone Is It," Tag and the always popular Beach Party! Campers enjoyed wading and splashing in the lake, but also thoroughly enjoyed beach games such as Rivers and Dams and the very popular water sprinkler!

The first day also included a Cabin Choice activity, a creative project that involved making puppets, to go with the story of the Lion and the Mouse. We closed our first evening with campfire, filled with sing along songs, and great stories.

The second day of Camp was just as exciting. The campers were all very excited to continue experiencing more of the many activities that Wenonah has to offer. On this day, the campers were given an important task. One of our favourite stories "Bear goes to Camp" was found to have a number of blank pages. We soon learned that Bear had let his story friends out of the book so that they could explore and enjoy Camp as well. However, there was major problem in his plan. Once the story characters were out and about in Camp, they didn't want to go back into the story. So the campers were asked to help bring the story characters back into the book. Throughout the day cabins went to the areas that the story characters were enjoying the most. They went to Archery with the Cow and the Pig, they went fishing in the Voyageur Canoe with Gill, they played at Wenonah Pines with Betsy Bear, and finally they were able to cook their own lunches over a campfire with Roy the Dragon.

All of this was very hard work, which was made a bit sweeter when we were able to enjoy a tasty Watermelon Pizza.

The campers eventually brought all the characters safely back into the story book after a fast paced game that had campers and counsellors chasing the animals to convince them to stay.

Everyone was very relieved and grateful for the WEEnonah campers' commitment and hard work! After dinner and some time to pack their belongings, WEEnonah met for our final campfire and a beautiful slide show showcasing the fun and excitement experienced over the past two days. We had a wonderful time with all of the campers. The WEEnonah staff would like to send a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of our WEEnonah campers.

We hope to see you again!



THE WIDE WORLD OF WENONAH

Each year, we are so excited to welcome campers and staff from around the world to Wenonah. In 2015, we welcomed campers and staff from 21 countries:

Anguilla		
Australia		
Austria		
Belgium		
Canada		
Ontario		
Alberta		
Prince Edward Island		
Chile		
China		
France		
Iran		
Ireland		
Italy		
Martinique		
Mexico		
New Zealand		
Poland		
South Korea		
Spain		
Taiwan		
United Kingdom		
United States		
Connecticut		
Florida		
Georgia		
Kentucky		
Michigan		
New Hampshire		
New York		
Texas		
Venezuela		



DID YOU KNOW?

Summer Camp often brings wonderful stories of multigenerational experiences and 2015 was no exception. During the Fall, just after Wenonah closed in 2014, we were approached by a family near Brisbane, Australia enquiring about the possibility of their daughter spending the Summer at Wenonah in 2015 and participating in both the POLARIS and WCIT programs. There was a unique connection with the family. The mom (Mary 'MacPherson' Taylor) had worked with Jeff at Summer Camp in the early 1990s.



Mary writes:

My last summer at camp was 20 years ago when I was 7 months pregnant and had worked as the Camp Nurse and they wanted me to say something at the last campfire. I likened Camp to a bug or infection (well I was the Camp Nurse!). I wished my child would inherit that bug and love the experience of Camp the way I had as a camper, CIT, counsellor, Camp Nurse and member of the Board of Directors. Camp influenced my life tremendously filling it with lifelong friendships and memories.

My daughter Caitlin was trying to plan her future after high school as she wasn't sure what she wanted to do, so thought she would take a gap year. I began dreaming wouldn't it be great if Cait could go to Camp. Then I googled Jeff and Camp Wenonah and was impressed with all he has accomplished in the camping world. I wanted Caitlin to be part of a leadership training programme which would broaden her horizons, expose her to the natural beauty of Canada and the Canadian way of life but living in Queensland, Australia meant it was a long way away. I felt Caitlin would shine if given the opportunity. I loved the idea of the 7 day canoe trip as it brings out your true character.

It was during July 2015 and Caitlin had been at Camp for a couple of days. The phone woke me up at 2:30 am Australian time. It was Caitlin gushing about Camp life. Those weekly phone calls made my heart smile. Some of them started with a squeaky sound followed by tears followed by a big breath and then lots of anecdotes. I'd inadvertently made Cait infamous with her Polaris cohorts at mail call when I had addressed her emails to "sweet pea" or "honey bunny". It was evident that Caitlin was having the time of her life.

Since she's been back in Australia, her enthusiasm when sharing songs, cheers, stories and the twinkle in her eye whenever she recalls a memory from Camp is infectious. She has caught the bug big time and is itching to return next year for her 2nd instalment of Camp Wenonah. Someone said to Cait in the Goodbye Circle: "I'm glad Camp found you"

Cait writes:

The thought of flying over to a different country to meet people who I've never seen before was very scary but exciting. My Camp experience was a very long one, as I stayed there for the 2 month period plus an extra week to be a counsellor for 7-10 year olds during Period Five. I went from POLARIS to WCIT to Counselor within 2 months; pretty crazy. The friends I've made, the experiences I've shared and the memories I've made will last forever with me. Camp isn't really a place at all—it's a feeling, a spirit. I'm glad that I got to experience the beauty of Wenonah.

● ONE-WEEK PERIOD DIRECTORS 2015

Each year Camp Wenonah offers a number of One Week Camp Sessions, including four Introductory Periods, our Wenonah Games Week, our Period Five program and the Camp Kivita program.

We are very fortunate each year to have a fantastic group of Camp Wenonah alumni with a wealth of skills and Camp experience head up each of these one week programs. Here is some background on this past year's one week Directors:

MIEKE BARETTE – The Period 1B Director for the past 3 seasons, Mieke has 9 years of experience as a staff member at Wenonah as well as many years as a Wenonah camper, dating back to 1998. Over nearly a decade, Mieke has held many positions on staff including: Girls Section Director, POLARIS Director, and Girls Counsellor. A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University, Mieke now works at the University as the Outreach & Student Recruitment Coordinator for the Faculty of Music.



DAN HARRISON – Dan returned to Camp this past Summer as our Camp Kivita Director, the national children's transplant Camp which runs at Wenonah each year. Dan has been involved in Camp since 2001, taking on many roles including: Boys Section Director, Counsellor and Tripping Staff. Dan is a graduate of both McMaster University and the University of Toronto. He currently works at Minogue Medical as a product manager for high-end cardiopulmonary diagnostic devices.



MIRIAM HEAVENRICH – One of this year's 3B Directors, 2015 was Miriam's 9th year as a staff member at Wenonah, and her 12th year in total at Camp. Over the last near decade Miriam has held a number of staff positions including: WCIT Director, Girls Section Director, Creative Area Head, and Girls Counsellor. She was a recipient of Wenonah's *Schaefer Scholarship* in 2011.



Miriam holds a bachelor degree from Queens University, and recently received her Masters of Clinical Science in Speech Pathology from the University of Western Ontario.

JASON MONTEITH – A staff member dating back to 1998, Jason is a long-standing member of the Camp Wenonah community. In addition to being this past year's Period 3A Director, Jason is also the Period 5 Director and one of the Associate Directors at Camp Wenonah. Jason is also a Co-Chair of Wenonah 20/20 for the 2016 camping season. Jason was the recipient of *Wenonah's Distinguished Service Award* in 2013 for his lifetime of service to Camp Wenonah. Jason is a high-school English teacher in Dundas, Ontario and shares the Camp experience with his daughter Julia and his son David.



THOMAS "RED" SCHENCK – Thomas, or "Red" as he is known by most at Camp, has been at Wenonah since 2003 both as a camper and as a staff member. Red was our Period 1A Director this past year, his 7th year on staff at Wenonah. He has held a number of staff positions at Wenonah, including: Program Director, Boys Section Director, Assistant Intro Period Director, and Boys Counsellor. Red was a recipient of Wenonah's *Schaefer Scholarship* in 2014. A graduate of the Television and Radio Arts program at Ryerson University, he currently works for the Radio arm of Corus Entertainment, which includes the Q107 and 102.1 The Edge radio stations.



BRITTANY SHELLY – One of the Period 3B Directors, as well as the 4B/Wenonah Games Week Director, 2015 was Brittany's 8th year on staff, and her 16th year in total at Camp Wenonah. She has held a multitude of staff positions at Wenonah; including: WCIT Director, Girls Section Director, Creative Area Head and Girls Counsellor. She was a recipient of Wenonah's *Schaefer Scholarship* in 2013. Brittany is a graduate of Queens University in both Biology and Education and currently works as a Teacher at the Appletree Learning Centre, as well as a Supply Teacher at Crescent School, Sunnybrook School and the Peel District School Board.



- During the 2015 Staff Banquet Night in August 2015, there were many special moments. One was especially unique. We were honoured that rather than at a national or provincial conference or annual meeting, our very own Mike “Stewy” Stewart asked that Wenonah be the venue for his recognition with one of Canadian Camping’s highest honors, The Jack Pearse Award of Honour which recognizes individuals, camps, agencies or corporations who have through their efforts provided outstanding service to the national organization. Canadian Camping Association Past Presidents Jane McCutcheon and Jeff Bradshaw made the presentation to Stewy with the theme *“Because of Stewy...”*. An excerpt:



***Because of Stewy...** thousands of Summer campers and thousands of Outdoor Centre participants have come to learn the joy of outdoor living and learning...*

***Because of Stewy...** Wenonah's Summer Camp and Outdoor Centre have reached new heights*

***Because of Stewy...** working committees of the Ontario Camps Association, the Canadian Camping Association, and the International Camping Fellowship have benefitted from his wisdom, his knowledge and his input.*

***Because of Stewy...** innovative and timely camper and staff policies have been developed at Wenonah and have been enthusiastically received across Canada and around the world.*

***Because of Stewy...** Camp Directors from around the world visited Canada in 2008 for a cross Canada Camps Tour, spearheaded and organized by Mike.*

***Because of Stewy...** Wenonah has a highly regarded social media presence on multiple platforms*

***Because of Stewy...** The Canadian Camping Association website was re-vamped, re-created, and updated in order to meet the needs of camps, camp leaders, parents and campers.*

***Because of Stewy...** Wenonah's website has been heralded as state of the art and widely emulated*

***Because of Stewy...** Ryerson University Summer Day Camps program has had the single most remarkable facelift - with an enormous increase in registrations & income.*

***Because of Stewy...** and his gentle, compassionate leadership, countless friendships have been forged.*

***Because of Stewy...** many Camp conferences have been able to provide better leadership and better information when Mike is asked to lead a workshop.*

***Because of Stewy...** we have a huge inventory of staff training resources that are used to engage new generations of staff team members.*

***Because of Stewy...** people learn tolerance and compassion and patience when they spend time with him.*

***Because of Stewy...** staff members at Wenonah have had an example of leadership, commitment and excellence of the highest order.*

***Because of Stewy...** our lives have been enriched here at Wenonah and the camping experience across Canada is simply BETTER.*

***And because of Stewy,** because of these reasons and so many others, the Board of Directors of the Canadian Camping Association has enthusiastically and unanimously voted Stewy as the 2014 recipient of one of Canadian camping's highest honours, the Jack Pearse Award of Honour. Stewy is the 49th recipient of the Jack Pearse award of honour with those previously acknowledged reading like a who's who of Canadian camping.*

*And so from coast to coast and everywhere in between, where camping is celebrated, where leadership is treasured and where people gather around a campfire, the members of the Canadian Camping Association/Association des Camps du Canada are proud to recognize our own Mike Stewart with the **Jack Pearse Award of Honour**.*

● 2016 ASSISTANT DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED!

Each year, staff hiring for the following season begins with returning staff commitments in October and new staff applications received in November.

Most senior roles are filled very early. We're excited to announce that our Assistant Directors for the 2016 season have been named:

Spring Outdoor Education Centre

Erica Zucker & Brian Costigan

Summer Camp

Brittany Shelly, Steph Sutcliffe & Jared Perlmutter

● PASS THE MUSIC ON

This past November (2015) Camp Wenonah once again participated in the annual Pass the Music On event at CBC's Glenn Gould Studio in downtown Toronto. Pass the Music On is organized to benefit the "Kids in Camp" registered charity, which raises funds to help provide children with a summer camp experience who would otherwise be unable to make the financial commitment. Kids in Camp works exclusively with the Ontario Camps Association, and since 2008 has helped send over 1000 children to camp.

Camp Wenonah was fortunate to be selected as one of eleven camps to submit a camper act to participate in the competition. Camp Wenonah's submission was a song used in the 2015 August Camp Canoe Ballet, performed by an ensemble musical collection and coordinated by Ally Soule & Jack Tillmann. The camper performers involved were:



Grace Bernard
Chelsea Brecher
Sophie Collins
Bryan Mills
Chris Moher
Jack Prouty
Shannon Prouty
Laura Raposo
Emma Rehders

*Bella Larsen,
Jared Perlmutter &
Jack Tillmann
(staff performers)*

- Wenonah has had a longstanding association with Australia's premier leadership Camp (Lord and Lady Somers ... currently celebrating its 86th year). Once a year in January, 100 young women and 100 young men are nominated by their schools or civic and business leaders to attend a unique and much heralded one week leadership program. Many alumni have gone on to be amongst Australia's most honoured and decorated leaders in all aspects of Australian life. Hundreds are nominated each year to attend Somers and are thoroughly vetted before acceptance is granted. Typically, the nominees come exclusively from within Australia. But on an occasional basis, Somers makes a rare exception. And in 2016, one of those rare exceptions has been made. We are thrilled to announce Summer staff member Madison Bradshaw has been accepted into the January 2016 Lady Somers leadership program! Well done Maddy. For more information: www.lscph.org.au Maddy joins a list of other notable Wenonah leadership participants, staff members and alumni who have been a part of the Somers experience including Joseph Taylor, Alanna Sulz, Jamieson Skinner, Janette Downie, Renata Bradshaw, Mike Tighe, Christine Wallace, Sam Perlmutter and Jeff Bradshaw.

- We hear(d) wedding bells! Three well-known Wenonah couples tied the knot in 2015.

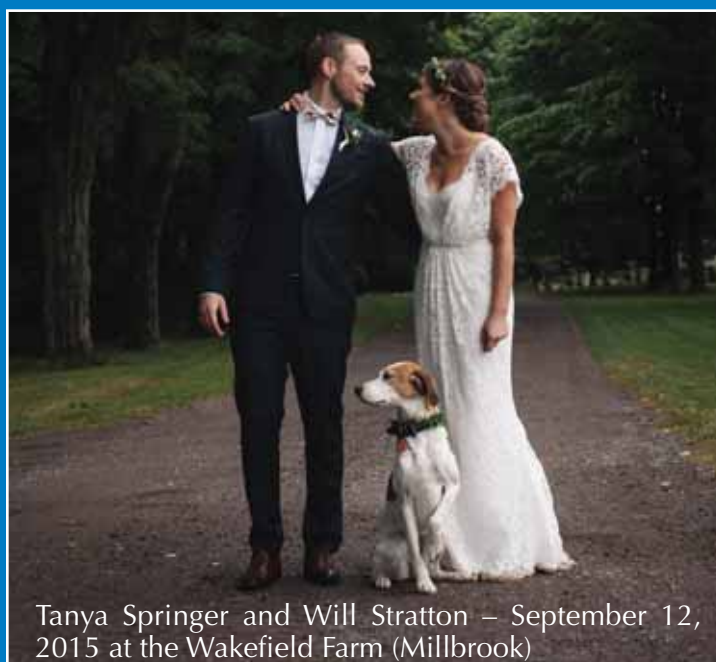
Congratulations to:



Gemma Killick and Mike Stewart
– May 30, 2015 at
Trent University
(Peterborough)



Claire DeCourcy & John Hollingshead
– June 6, 2015 at the Granite Club
(Toronto)



Tanya Springer and Will Stratton – September 12,
2015 at the Wakefield Farm (Millbrook)



RUDY'S REFLECTIONS

As many of us prepare to hunker down for another Canadian winter, I always find solace in reflecting back on the Summer just passed. As much as I love the wintertime and the beautiful and often serene setting that it brings, I cannot help but wish it away for another Summer; and although the shores of Clear Lake are not always the quietest setting in the world (as those who have been at Camp for a Wenonah Games will appreciate), I always find a sense of calm and ease when I am at Camp.



Since the age of nine, Summer Camp, and specifically Camp Wenonah, has played a huge part in my life and this has never been truer than in 2015. Jumping into the full-time role as Summer Camp Director in October of 2014 made Camp the centre of my life, and I couldn't have been happier about it. My formative years at Wenonah were integral in shaping me into who I am today, so to be able to contribute in such a meaningful way to Camp meant a lot to me.

As my 16th consecutive summer at Wenonah, I cannot speak highly enough about this past Summer. There was a strong sense of warmth and welcoming among the Camp community this Summer, which no doubt was due in part to the fantastic collection of 100+ staff who shared their time, talent and commitment with Wenonah this past summer. We were lucky enough to be joined by large and enthusiastic POLARIS and WCIT programs in both July and August, which as always play a strong part in creating the sense of community at Wenonah. Finally, we were joined by the largest number of campers we have ever welcomed to Wenonah in a single season, and whether their 1st or 10th year as a camper at Wenonah it could not have been a more fun or gracious collection of campers.

So I thank you all for a successful Summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you when Summer rolls around again!

WENONAH 20/20:

Aniversary seasons are upon us! 2015 was the anniversary of the building of the Camp Wenonah facility (known as Camp Oak-A-Lea) in the early 1960s. 2015 marked the 50th year since Oak-A-Lea's first season in 1965.

2016 marks the 20th anniversary of Camp Wenonah's founding. And during the 2016 camping season, we are excited to acknowledge those 20 years with 20 different events, programs and initiatives that will take place throughout 2016.

Wenonah 20/20 Co-Chairs Liz (Mossington) McClounie, Jason Monteith and Jeff Bradshaw and dozens of Chair and Committee members have been hard at work over the past few years preparing for the 20/20 season.

There's something for everyone! Watch the Wenonah website (www.campwenonah.com) beginning in January 2016 for a special section with all the details on the 20/20 events. For now, here's a quick look at an exciting 2016 season of Wenonah 20/20 events, programs and initiatives:



1. Wenonah Connects

Chair: Mike Stewart

Starting in January 2016, Wenonah 20/20 celebrations go online and take to social media! Be sure to visit Wenonah2020.com to get all the latest insider information for #Wenonah2020 events, including program details and ticket sales. Over the course of 2016, you'll find Camp slideshows (by different eras) and photo scavenger hunts (a virtual "Where in the World at Wenonah") at Wenonah2020.com. And stay connected with us on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for a whole year of awesome #WenonahWednesdays and never before seen retro #ThrowbackThursdays!

2. Wenonah Launches

Chair: Janette Downie

A special invitation for members of our FOW (Friends of Wenonah) alumni group. To help us kick off Wenonah 20/20, FOW members are invited to Toronto's Drake Hotel on Sunday, February 21 from 1:30-5:00 pm for an afternoon reception at the Drake Sky Yard (www.thedrakehotel.ca/dining/venues/sky-yard/).

A chance to visit old Camp friends, hear all about the 20/20 programs and take advantage of a great opportunity to buy tickets for the 2016 season of events! Located in trendy Queen Street West, the Drake Hotel is accessible by TTC and close to Union and Exhibition stations and has great parking nearby.



3. Wenonah Remembers

Chair: Catherine Ross

Honorary Director, Catherine Ross, is writing *Moments, Memories, Magic: The Wenonah Story (So Far!)*

Catherine researched the Wenonah archives, interviewed many alumni and visited Camp twice last summer to talk to staff, campers, parents, teachers and students gathering her material. The book will be a feast of photos and stories recalling the many happy, humorous, challenging, exciting and emotional times that we all have experienced at Camp. The book will be available for purchase at the Gala Celebration. Watch for your opportunity to pre-order. A must read you won't want to miss!

4. Wenonah Worldwide

Chair: Joseph Taylor

Wenonah has always enjoyed an incredibly strong international component comprised of campers and staff from dozens of countries that has become central to our experience. During 2016 (and beyond) we invite campers, staff and alumni to share the spirit of Camp around the world by taking pictures in different countries with the new Wenonah Flag! Beginning in early 2016, Wenonah flags will be sent to international families and staff that request them. For our Canadian families, flags will be made available at the Wenonah General Store in 2016 and we encourage campers and staff to share the story of their travels. Pictures will be posted on the Wenonah website. We are aiming for the Wenonah flag to visit 100 countries by the year 2020!

5. Wenonah Designs

Chair: Nat Fox

Get ready for some great new clothing coming soon to the General Store! Aki, Dawaa and Zibbins - it's time for new Wenonah Games shirts! Show your team pride and design new logos for the Games! Get creative - this contest is open to all campers, staff and alumni/FOW members and the winning design will be chosen in 2016 and ready for use during the 2017 Wenonah Games season! In addition to the Wenonah Games shirt challenge, watch for many new 2016 clothing and souvenir items.

6. Wenonah Sings

Chair: Doug Bowlby

Have you ever thought about where your favourite Camp song came from? Songs that we've been singing around the campfire for generations had to start somewhere and this song writing contest is your opportunity to create a new tradition at Camp by crafting your very own original Camp song.

Deadline for submissions:

September 1, 2016 / Prize money: \$500.⁰⁰

Winners to be announced at the Wenonah Gathers event on November 13, 2016.

7. Wenonah Writes

Chair: Barb Janicek

Once upon a time, right here on the shores of Clear Lake and Saw Lake... help us celebrate 20 years of unforgettable Camp stories by creating your own: whether it is inspired by your favourite Camp memories or an original yarn to be spun next to a crackling campfire, share your tale by entering our Wenonah 2020 storytelling contest.

Deadline for submissions:

September 1, 2016 / Prize money: \$500⁰⁰

Winners to be announced at the Wenonah Gathers event on November 13, 2016.

8. Wenonah Pics

Chair: Lizzie Sarjeant

Nothing is more satisfying than capturing that perfect moment so that you can share it with family and friends and tell them what Camp means to you. Camp is the filter that makes every memory louder, brighter, more colourful and more fun and a great photograph can make those vivid memories last forever. Show us what Wenonah looks like through your lens and lend your images to the story of our summer by entering your pictures in the Wenonah 20/20 photography contest.

Deadline for submissions:

September 1, 2016 / Prize money: \$500⁰⁰

Winners to be announced at the Wenonah Celebrates event on November 12, 2016.

9. Wenonah Gives

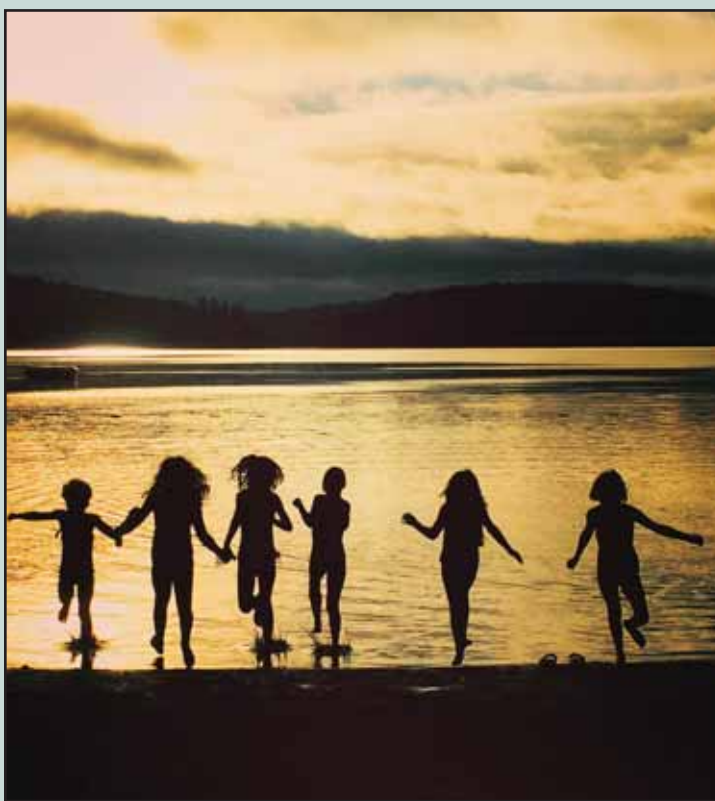
Chair: Maia Bradshaw

Our main goal during our 20/20 season in 2016 is to raise funds to complete a project that is very close to all of us at Wenonah: the expansion of the current Main Lodge and kitchen area. We need your help to make this dream a reality. You can head over to the website (link to webpage) for more information. The funds raised through all of the fundraising initiatives (Wenonah Moves and the Silent Auction at Wenonah Celebrates) will be credited to the Lodge and Kitchen build scheduled for late Fall 2017 (once Camp has closed for the 2017 season; ready in time for the 2018 camping season).

10. Wenonah Builds

Chair: Fraser (Tito) McQuat

The Camp landscape continues to grow every year with new building initiatives designed to enhance your Camp experience and 2016 is no different. Current staff and alumni will roll up their sleeves and spend a weekend in early Spring preparing Camp for our landmark 2016 season, including a couple of amazing new projects we can't wait for you to see, including a completely rebuilt Main Campfire!



11. Wenonah Links

Chair: Dr. Mary Grant

Join us Saturday, May 28, 2016 for an afternoon of golf at Crosswinds Golf and Country Club in North Burlington (www.crosswindsgolf.com). Featuring a shotgun start (Pink Lady format), everyone from the most experienced to the novice golfer is sure to enjoy this 18-hole championship course. In true Camp style, various games and events will be featured throughout the course. Your fee includes green fees, cart and a plated dinner in Crosswinds Grand Hall (offering sweeping views of the Niagara Escarpment). We are delighted to be recognizing Simon Wells as our 2016 Tournament Honoree.

12. Wenonah Sails

Chair: Jane McCutcheon

Sail away on the Wenonah II!
(realmuskoka.com/muskoka-steamships/our-ships/wenonah-ii/).

Join Wenonah friends and Camp colleagues for a 2.5 hour cruise from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Tour Lake Muskoka and the Muskoka River, learn about the folklore of the area, chat with Camp friends and delight in the beauty of a Fall day in Muskoka! Make it a full day – take our shuttle bus from Toronto to Gravenhurst and back – we promise as much fun on the bus as on the ship!

13. Wenonah Cares

Chair: Nancy Vandenberg

2016 is the Year of the Camp Nurse & Doctor! We look forward to celebrating our history of exceptional health care at Wenonah. From homesick Campers to bumps and bruises, they look after our wellbeing and provide a sense of reassurance and calm on busy Camp days. We will be honouring our health care teams, past and present, throughout 2016 with an invitation for our Nurses and Doctors to join us as our guests at numerous 20/20 events (Wenonah Sails, Wenonah Celebrates) and a special 'Welcome Back to Wenonah' Open House during Summer Camp.



14. Wenonah Helps

Chair: Leanne Sedentopf

What better way to tell the story of the community we've built together at Wenonah than by offering a helping hand to other communities around us? We'll be highlighting all the ways those at Wenonah contribute to their community year-round. We know many of you already contribute to your community in a multitude of ways. In 2016 we are asking you to use #wenonahhelps and to post all of your amazing contributions on Instagram and/or Facebook to show the world just how much Wenonah Helps! On top of that, our July and August WCITs will be participating in community-based activities in the Muskoka area during the summer and camp families, current staff and alumni will be invited to support an organization in the Greater Toronto Area.

15. Wenonah Plays

Chair: Todd Aiken

One of the best days during Camp has to be Theme Day (also known as Super Fantastic Mystery Surprise Day). Characters, decorations, plots and a commemorative plaque in the Lodge – we know you can recall YOUR favourite theme day! July and August 2016 Theme Days are already in production and feature some of the most memorable and favourite characters returning to Camp! Spanning themes and characters from all 20 years, these days are sure to be amazing and unforgettable!

16. Wenonah Live

Chair: Dan Sadler

For four Saturday evenings during Summer Camp 2016, the Stockade will be transformed into a magical concert venue. Each Stockade Concert features a Wenonah alumni who delighted us with their talents at Camp and has risen to great musical heights. Our line-up includes Art and Woodhouse (Dan Sadler), Joanna Chapman-Smith and Brendan Beamish.

17. Wenonah Moves

Chair: Josh Bradshaw

Ever wanted to run, jog or swim your way around Clear Lake? Here's your chance! Have family and friends sponsor your Wenonah Games team and earn points for your team for each dollar raised. All proceeds will go towards the Main Lodge expansion. On the last sleep-in Sunday of each month during July Camp and August Camp 2016, campers, POLARIS, WCITs and staff will have the chance to run, jog and swim their way around Clear Lake. If you are not at Camp on those dates, you can still participate by committing to running, swimming or biking at home while helping your Wenonah Games team get points. Added challenges will be announced – including the eagerly awaited and not to be missed, "Rudy's Clear Lake Run".

18. Wenonah Cheers

Chair: Caron Brick

Friday, November 11, 2016 has been set aside for a reunion of our FOW alumni members for an evening of Camp camaraderie in the Burlington/Oakville area. Buses will pick up and drop off guests at the Oakville Convention Centre.

19. Wenonah Celebrates

Chairs: Pam Sidey & Matty McEvoy

Be sure to mark Saturday November 12, 2016 in your calendar for Wenonah's Anniversary Gala! A great opportunity for everyone to celebrate the unique heritage of our shared experience on the shores of Clear Lake. Held at the Oakville Conference Centre, the evening will include a three course meal, a Silent Auction, music, a Camp themed photo booth, once in a lifetime reunions, performances and lots of great Camp fun. Winning entries from the Wenonah Pics photography event will be displayed, the first editions of the Wenonah 20/20 book will be available and the evening will be capped off with dancing at the re-created "Club Matty".

20. Wenonah Gathers

Chair: Geoff "Rudy" Williamson

We will cap off our year of great events with our biggest Guinness Book of World record-breaking Closing Campfire! On Sunday November 13, 2016 from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Oakville Conference Centre, this complimentary event features an amazing collection of campers, current staff and alumni who will perform some of our favorite campfire memories with songs, skits, stories and more! This jam packed ninety minute family event also includes a special reunion performance by the original creators of the Moose Juice song – Dr. Troy Glover and Doug Bowlby and a line-up of songs that the Wenonah community has voted for as their favourites of all time. Repeat after me: this will be awesome!

Additional Information:

Planning to join us during our November 2016 weekend in Oakville? We have secured room blocks at all three hotels that neighbour the Oakville Conference Centre:

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES OAKVILLE @ BRONTE

Rates begin at \$119/night* based on occupancy.
www.hioakvillebronte.ca

STAYBRIDGE SUITES OAKVILLE-BURLINGTON

An ideal location for families & groups Rates begin at \$129/night*, all rooms come with a full kitchen and include a hot breakfast buffet.

www.ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/oakville/yyzsb/hoteldetail

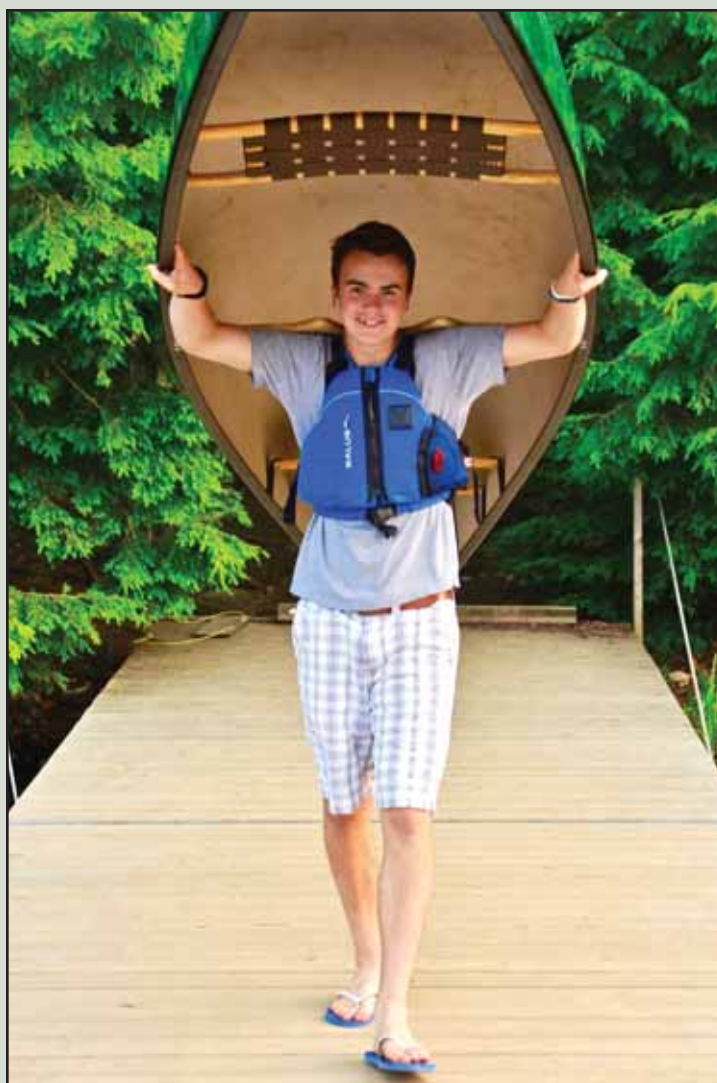
QUALITY SUITES OAKVILLE

Rates begin at \$99/night*.

www.choicehotels.ca/en/quality-suites-oakville-hotel-cn135

Use the code Wenonah2020 at the time of booking for all hotels.

*Prices are guaranteed until October 11, 2016.



TITO'S TALES

As we turn the page on another incredibly successful season at The Camp Wenonah Centre for Outdoor Education, I would like to once again thank the many staff and students from schools all across Ontario for their unwavering support towards our programs and experience. To be able to share our knowledge and expertise with you has been our privilege and we hope to once again see you on the shores of Clear Lake in the years to come.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to get Camp up and going each season in early Spring. For the past 11 years, we have had the great honour of hosting Derek Little and his students from Haliburton Highlands S.S. to give leadership to a number of large opening projects that lay the groundwork for a successful season to come. Thank you Haliburton High!

As well, a huge thanks to the many staff, both Spring & Fall, for their unwavering commitment and tremendous enthusiasm and spirit. A special shout out to our friends Matt Upton (New Zealand), Jackie Seiler (Australia) and Brian Costigan (Ireland), who came to us via NYQUEST Training and Placement.

If you would like more information on the Outdoor Centre experience at Wenonah, please feel free to contact me (tito@campwenonah.com).

We do provide in-school presentations for interested schools and have a comprehensive Outdoor Education Information Package that we're happy to send your way.



THE CAMP WENONAH CENTRE FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION - A GAGGLE OF GREAT GROUPS!

The Camp Wenonah Centre for Outdoor Education welcomes schools and groups from various cities and regions across Ontario during the Spring and Fall seasons each year. This year we were thrilled to welcome over 2,000 children and adults from 47 schools and groups to Wenonah!

Wenonah offers programs that challenge and stimulate participants of every age and experience through a traditional Outdoor Education Model. Our program places significant value on community, interdependence, personal development, and an appreciation and respect for our natural world.

Our 2015 season was a great success! It is with sincere thanks that we acknowledge those groups that joined us at Wenonah this past season:

11 YEARS

Haliburton High School (Haliburton)
St. Nicholas School (Barrie)

10 YEARS

Queen Elizabeth Public School (Leamington)

9 YEARS

Dougall Avenue School (Windsor)
Hillfield Strathallan College (Hamilton)

8 YEARS

Ancaster Senior Public School (Ancaster)
Dr. S.J. Phillips Public School (Oshawa)
Kempenfelt Bay School (Barrie)

7 YEARS

Guthrie Public School (Oro Station)
Tottenham Public School (Tottenham)

6 YEARS

Crescent School (Toronto)
Halton Waldorf – Grade's 7 & 8 (Hamilton)
Seaway Intermediate Public School (Iroquois)
West Hill Collegiate Institute (Toronto)
Camp Run a Muck (Burlington)

5 YEARS

Emily Carr Public School (Oakville)
Orchard Park Public School (Niagara Falls)
St. Mark Catholic Elementary School (Beamsville)
Terry Fox Elementary School (Barrie)

4 YEARS

Prince Edward Public School (Windsor)

3 YEARS

Camp Erin (Hamilton)
Clanmore Montessori School (Oakville)
École Secondaire Marc-Garneau (Trenton)
École Secondaire Saint-Frère-André (Toronto)
Elizabeth Bagshaw Elementary (Hamilton)
St. Joseph's Separate School (Grimsby)
St Mary's Catholic High School
- Spring Outdoor Program (Woodstock)
Stratford Middle Years (Stratford)

2 YEARS

David Maxwell Public School (Windsor)
Gregory Drive Public School (Chatham)
Hudson College (Toronto)
MacGregor Public School (Waterloo)
Thomas A Stewart Secondary School (Peterborough)
West Ferris Intermediate School (North Bay)
Westwood Middle School (East York)

1 YEAR

CampBrain (Toronto)
Central Public School (Windsor)
Dragon Academy (Toronto)
Nancy's 50th (Toronto)
FJ McElligott Intermediate School (Mattawa)
Flamborough Centre School (Flamborough)
Camp Kummoniwanago (Hanover)
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby)
St. Edward Catholic Elementary School (Jordan)
St. John Catholic Elementary School (Lincoln)
St. Sebastian (Mississauga)
Waubauskene Elementary (Waubauskene)



WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Julia Stephenson (2015 Womens Weekend Coordinator)

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hy do we love Women's Weekends at Camp Wenonah?

Over the course of two weekends this Fall, we welcomed over 200 women up at Camp for our Women's Weekends.

We were joined by passionate facilitators who ran specialty workshops including: yoga, watercolour painting, belly dancing, Zumba, life coaching, cooking classes and book clubs. We were treated by on-site masseuses providing the ultimate relaxation experience. We hosted walks around the lake, bingo, campfires, sunset canoe paddles and ran our traditional Camp activities including: canoeing, kayaking, climbing, crafting, archery, tennis, mini-golf and more!

And if it's not obvious why we love all that, allow me to share why it's special to see Camp being used in this way...

Through Summer Camp and our Outdoor Education Centre we see Camp being enjoyed by children of all ages. Campers and students reap all the benefits Camp can offer: time outdoors, room to grow and be themselves, learning, growing, sharing, exploring and so much more.

As the leaves change we have an opportunity to glimpse Camp being used by grown-ups; women take over Wenonah, and it's pretty awesome. It's powerful and important to have women enjoying all the good things Camp offers to campers and students for so much of the year. It's awesome to see women harnessing their creativity at a watercolour painting class, watching the sunrise from the Main Campfire, trying new activities like archery or kayaking, challenging themselves and their friends on the climbing wall, putting on a hip scarf and letting loose at belly dancing or enjoying a peaceful moment at a morning yoga class.



Time outdoors. Laughing with friends. Opportunities to challenge. These are all part of the amazing experience that is Camp, that is wellness, and that can be enjoyed by women at Camp on these unique weekends.

To all the facilitators, Fall and alumni staff and most importantly to all the women who joined us up at Camp this fall, thank you for making our 2015 Women's Weekends so wonderful!

If you're interested in learning more about these weekends or want to sign-up for 2016 (registration begins in January 2016), please visit our website (www.campwenonah.com) for more information.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

On the final day each year of August Camp, the staff remain at Camp after the campers, POLARIS and WCITs depart in the morning. There is a full afternoon of work around the site. The evening features a terrific buffet dinner from Chef Brad and his staff and then finally, a formal program to recognize contributions to Wenonah and to look back on the season.

In 2012, Jeff devoted the final part of the evening to make the announcement of a major new staff recognition, the Wenonah Distinguished Service Award and honoured the first two recipients, Renata Bradshaw and Simon Wells. Jason Monteith received this honour in 2013 and Caron Brick in 2014. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest recognition at Wenonah given for a lifetime of service to the Camp experience. Simon, Jason and Caron were on hand to recognize the 2015 recipient, Barb Janicek.

Barb first began at Wenonah in 1998 working as our onsite Administrative Coordinator for Spring, Summer and Fall which quickly led to a fulltime role as our Associate Director, Administration over 7 seasons which also included time spent aboard in Japan working with our partner Camp, Shikoku Canadian Global Camp. In 2006, when Barb returned to school to pursue her Masters, we celebrated Barb's many accomplishments. Barb's Place was christened beside Driftwood and a scrapbook was assembled with many heartfelt acknowledgements of Barb's contributions to Camp life. Associate Director Jason Monteith wrote something in 2006 that was shared during the Distinguished Service Award presentation:

Barb, you know all of Jeff's speeches.

In one of them, (number 17, I think, right after the one about the broken car window in New York City and just before "It's All About Bouncing Back") he talks about what goes on underground at Disney World. Bear with me, Barb. This is about you. There is an inner working to the theme park, not unlike the intricate system behind the face of a clock. The face may change, with time or fashion or trend but the inner workings remain, constant and inextricable from the primary function of the clock.



Most people just want to know what time it is. Most people aren't really concerned about what goes on behind the scenes. Some people have to be. Most people would rather ride the coasters, enjoy the spectacle, play the games, and take photographs beside large smiling mice with gigantic white hands. The kids who come to Camp want the same thing. Arrive at Wenonah and everything is in its place, ready for two weeks or an entire month of fun and laughter and learning and exploration.

Do the kids worry about what went on behind the scenes to keep the face of Camp lit with a warm and welcoming smile? No. Most kids just want to play. Most staff just want to play too. Some staff have bigger fish to fry.

As one of the staff members who just wanted to play, I reflect back on Camp and specifically on my time at Wenonah and realize how much I owe to you for being the person who makes sure the rest of us can play. You take care of the inner workings that, taken care of, allow the rest of us to forget for a while just how much work goes into a great Summer.

Barb, I hope you know what we all know, that Camp and Summer and the smiles that you were always watching for and making happen will be a little different without you taking care of things. I hope you know what we know:

The feeling next Summer that things are different will be because of all the work that you have done. And the feeling next Summer that things are still exactly how they should be at Camp, that Camp is a place to play, will be because of all the work that you have done. Thank you for letting us play.

Love Always, Jason (The guy in the mouse costume with the gigantic white hands)



SERVICE WITHOUT RECOGNITION

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e are fortunate to have a special bond with Lord and Lady Somers Camp in Australia. We have over several years welcomed both campers and staff from Somers and in turn, a number of familiar Wenonah faces have made their way to Somers (just south of Melbourne).

At Somers, the experience is framed by the simple idea of “service without recognition.” The thought that unselfish service defines the experience resonated at Wenonah. Joseph Taylor, a Somers alumni (and staff member at Wenonah during the 2010 and 2011 seasons) was in touch with Jeff reflecting on these simple ideals. Joseph is now a commercial pilot with Cathay Pacific based in Hong Kong. Joseph carries with him always the concept of “service without recognition” and sees the merits of this concept in everyday life.



Toronto, hosting Wenonah alumni abroad, flying in from Hong Kong to lend a hand on a FOW Work Weekend, attending Camp weddings, volunteering for a few days at Camp when he’s free or ensuring that a young leader has an opportunity to further develop their skills, Joseph leads by example. He is the living embodiment of community service and his influence is unmatched in this regard. As we prepare for our 20/20 season in 2016, Joseph has stepped into the role of Chair for one of the events and once again, demonstrates his unselfish nature by continuing to look for ways to make our world at Wenonah stronger and more vibrant. Thank you Joseph!

It was during an email correspondence with Joseph that Jeff was inspired to create a new award to acknowledge those that maintain the very essence of unselfish service at Wenonah.

A plaque hangs in the Lodge at Camp. It reads simply that the Service Without Recognition award is “presented annually to a member of the Wenonah community that best exhibits the high ideals of service.”

The inaugural recipient in 2012 was Associate Director Caron Brick. In 2013, Caron was present to recognize longtime nurses Nancy Vandenberg & Gwen Neizer and in 2014, Honorary Director Jane McCutcheon was recognized with the Service Without Recognition award.

In 2015, we were delighted that Joseph was present (visiting Camp during a short holiday break) along with Caron, Nancy and Jane.

And in keeping with the surprised reaction of recipients from past years, the 2015 Service Without Recognition was presented to Joseph Taylor!

Joseph continues to be an active alumni and a vocal and passionate advocate for the Wenonah experience. Joseph makes a point, on a regular basis, of keeping connections strong within our broad and global Wenonah community. Whether it’s organizing alumni meals in Vancouver or





SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Since its inception, Camp Wenonah has been nurtured by a large number of people who have worked passionately towards providing the very best in program, leadership, service and facility. Two individuals who have contributed greatly to Wenonah are Jeff's parents, Patricia & Bruce Schaefer.

Close to 60 years ago, Pat founded the Burlington Dance Academy in Burlington, Ontario and until her retirement, was the Director of one of the most acclaimed schools of dance in Canada. Bruce spent most of his career with Valley City Manufacturing in Dundas, Ontario where he rose to be Vice President of the company. Over the years, Pat and Bruce have provided sage advice and counsel and demonstrated their commitment to Wenonah in many practical and meaningful ways. In 1998, Pat made available the space for Wenonah's Main Office on Commerce Court in Burlington and redesigned the office for the use of the full-time administrative staff. Today, Pat continues to work with Caron in the Burlington Office on a regular basis. Bruce travelled to Camp for many years and undertook the task of building new bunks throughout Camp. Pat and Bruce's ongoing devotion to Wenonah has been inspirational.

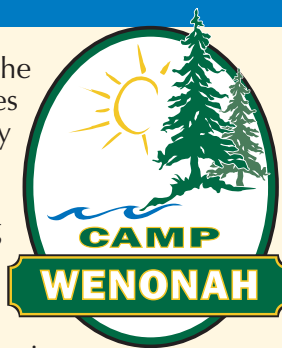
We were saddened at the end of March 2015 to lose Bruce in his 88th year. It's been incredible how many people were in touch following Bruce's passing offering their own heartfelt stories and reflections. One of our longtime Camp staff members and former Schaefer Scholarship recipient Dan Sadler, knew Bruce from his many visits north and at other Camp-related events. Dan wrote these words:

"I can't claim to have known him well, but have of course met him multiple times, and each time I just remember thinking "that guy is pure class." Always had the time of day for me, a moment to have a quick chat and make a funny comment despite hardly knowing me. He was sincerely interested in everyone it seemed. We should all take a page (or a couple pages) out of his book. Maybe we should just take the whole book."

That was Bruce.

The Schaefer Scholarship now honour the ongoing contributions that Pat continues to make to life at Wenonah and equally honours Bruce's memory.

Over the years, a total of 44 outstanding Wenonah leaders have received Schaefer Scholarships with four more names being added in 2015. A \$1,000 prize accompanies each Scholarship. There is a plaque in the Main Lodge at Camp honouring each Schaefer Scholarship recipient.



NATALIE FOX

- 2015 Schaefer Scholarship Recipient



Over the past 16 years Natalie has been a staple at Camp Wenonah, first attending as camper back in 2000, Natalie has been involved in Camp in some capacity every year since. After seven years as a camper, she was a POLARIS participant in 2007 and a WCIT participant in 2008. Natalie first joined the Wenonah staff team as a Period 5 staff member in 2008, the following summer she joined the full

Summer staff team as a Junior Counselling Staff, 2010 as a Girls Counsellor, 2011 as the Creative Director, 2012 as the Senior Office Coordinator, 2013 as one of the Girls Section Directors and over the past 2 years in a variety of roles including WEEnonah Counsellor and Camp Kivita Counsellor. Natalie was also a member of our Outdoor Centre Staff for many years. Nat also continues to be involved as an active FOW alumni member, serving as a Chair of one of the Wenonah 20/20 Committees.

For Natalie, Camp has never been about herself, instead it has been about making each moment matter for every camper and staff that she comes into contact with. From hundreds of small moments observed every day at Camp, it is obvious that campers and staff alike admire, respect and embrace her gentle approach. The amount of time and effort that Nat has put into Camp over her years here is remarkable, and her love for Camp is undeniable. Ultimately, Nat is a gentle, nurturing and loving soul who displays such warmth and she remains one of the best role models we have ever seen at Camp.



JARED PERLMUTTER

- 2015 Schaefer Scholarship Recipient



Jared first attended Wenonah as a camper in 2002, following his older brother and now Wenonah Alumni, Sam, who had attended the year prior. Jared returned for years as a camper, including as a POLARIS participant in 2009 and a participant in the WCIT program in 2010. Jared first joined the Wenonah staff team in 2011 as a Resource Staff, he returned the following year as one of our Boys Counsellors, then in 2013 as the Lands Area Head, 2014 as one of our Boys Section Directors, and this past year as one of our WCIT Directors. Additionally, Jared has been a member of both the Spring and Fall Outdoor Centre staff teams for the past number of years. Jared will be returning for the 2016 summer season as one of our Summer Assistant Directors.

Jared has an unmatched understanding of what makes Camp unique. He has grown up at Camp, but has also undeniably grown through his experience at Camp both as a Camper and Staff member. He now takes every chance he can get to happily and thoughtfully share these experiences with those around him. His ability to coordinate and lead others helps set the tone for the entire staff team, and never more than this past year. He carries with him a youthful love of not only Camp, but of life. Jared is a child at heart in all the right ways, and his presence and leadership at camp will forever be remembered.

JOHN RAMSAY

- 2015 Schaefer Scholarship Recipient



John is a familiar face to anyone who has spent time at Camp over the past 13 years. He first came to Wenonah in 2002 as a camper, returning each year through 2008, then as a member of the POLARIS program in 2009 and then as a WCIT participant in 2010. John was a member of the Period 5 staff in 2010 before

joining the full summer staff team in 2011 as a Resource Staff. He returned the next year as a Boys Counsellor, in 2013 as the Paddlesports Area Head, 2014 as one of our POLARIS Directors, and this past year as our Program Director. In addition, John was a member of our Outdoor Centre staff team this past Spring. John will be returning for the 2016 summer season as one of our WCIT Directors.

John has created an enduring legacy at Camp by showing us all how to do a job and do it well. He has an unbelievable work ethic and dedication to making Camp run smoothly and efficiently. John always expects a great deal from those around him, but never more than from himself. He strives to create those small moments, those moments that no matter how fleeting or how silly will be remembered forever. Those of us who know John well will forever appreciate his diligence and importantly his love and appreciation for what makes Wenonah a special place.

STEPHANIE SUTCLIFFE

- 2015 Schaefer Scholarship Recipient



Stephanie, known simply as 'Sharky' to most at Camp, first came to Wenonah as a camper back in 2001. After 8 years as a camper, Steph was a member of the POLARIS program in 2009 and the WCIT program on 2010. Steph first took on a staff role as a Period 5 staff in 2010. She became a member of the full

summer staff team in 2011 as a Resource Staff, the following year she returned as one of our Girls Counsellors, returning in 2013 as the Creative Area Head, 2014 as one of our Girls Section Directors and this past year as one of our WCIT Directors. Additionally, Steph has been a member of both the Spring and Fall Outdoor Centre staff teams for the past number of years. Steph will be returning for the 2016 summer season as one of our Summer Assistant Directors.

Steph has always been a thoughtful and compassionate advocate for many at Camp that need someone to talk to. She is uniquely creative and has an exhaustive attention to detail, making programs she has run both remembered and celebrated. One on one or with larger groups, she is a beacon of warmth and decency as a friend and as a mentor. Steph is the epitome of an unselfish leader and her contributions to life at Camp resonates through the many lives she has touched. People will think back on their days at Camp and remember her warmth and be grateful to have spent time in her presence.



SIMON WELLS FIRST YEAR STAFF LEADERSHIP AWARD

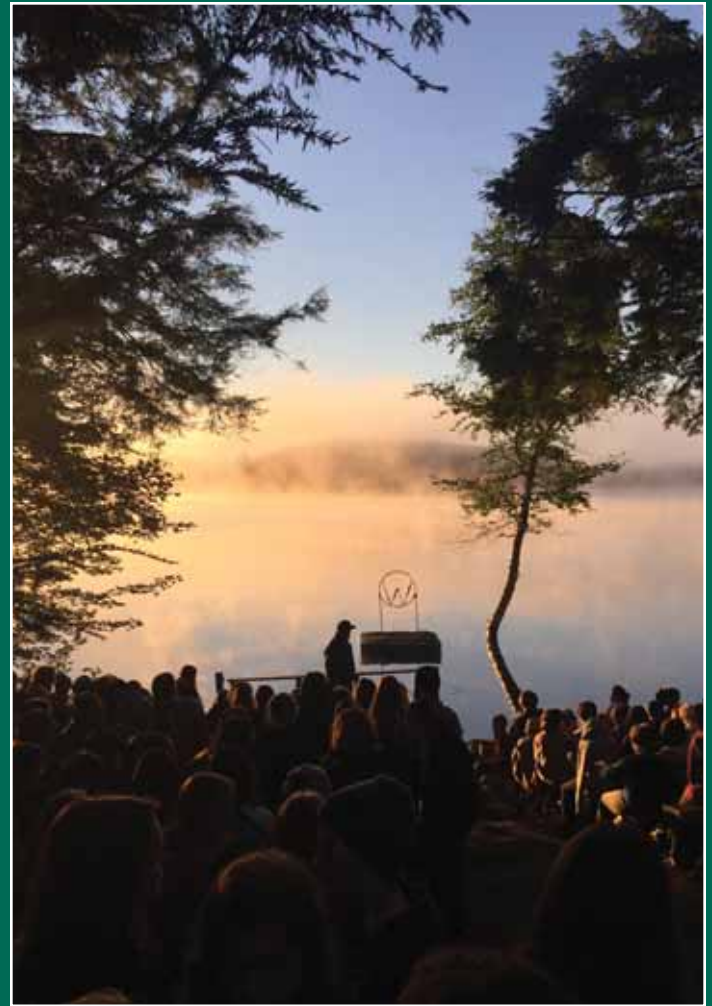
Simon Wells, over the past 17 seasons, has contributed immeasurably to life at Wenonah. While a fulltime staff member, he influenced a great many others through his example of dedicated service and commitment. Simon has

also played the central role in evolving our Outdoor Education Centre to a point where we now welcome thousands of school children each year during Spring and Fall. And, Simon has been responsible for the ongoing development and maintenance of our site and facilities and has overseen significant expansion and enhancement over the years. Everywhere we look around Camp, we can see examples of Simon's vision and talents.

The Simon Wells First Year Staff Leadership Award is presented annually to a male and a female first year staff member and acknowledges the significant contributions that Simon has made.

Each recipient receives a personal plaque plus a cash award of \$500. As well, there is now a permanent plaque in the Lodge highlighting the award recipients.

The 2015 Simon Wells Award recipients are Emma Murray and Colin Long.



EMMA MURRAY

- Recipient 2015 Simon Wells Award

Emma first attended Camp in 2006 and was joined by her sister Clare the following year. Emma has returned each Summer since to Wenonah. She participated in the POLARIS program in 2013, followed by the WCIT program in 2014 before joining us as a Resource Staff member this past Summer. Everything Emma does comes from a place of selflessness.



She believes strongly in the impact that Camp can have on a child and does everything within her means to provide that experience. Emma carries herself in such an inconspicuous manner, never looking for attention, never seeking recognition. Her true strengths shine when no one is watching; her level of commitment, engagement, and positivity are endless and unwavering. And Camp is a better place for having her. Emma is currently pursuing a Social Sciences degree at Kings University College at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

COLIN LONG

- Recipient 2015 Simon Wells Award

Like Emma, Colin first attended Camp in 2006 along with his sister Andrea. He has been at Camp in some capacity every summer since, including as a POLARIS participant in 2013 and a WCIT participant in 2014, and finally as one of our Tripping Staff this past Summer. Colin has a maturity beyond his years, an undying dedication to his work, and understands



that no matter how small the task, what he does goes towards creating a positive experience for a camper. He displayed a strong passion for the Canoe Tripping side of Camp, and went above and beyond to make sure that his work was done to the highest standards. He is always willing to offer a helping hand regardless of what the task is and has been sure to make us laugh along the way. Colin is currently at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia pursuing a degree in Engineering.

THE 2015 WENONAH STAFF TEAM



ur staff team does a terrific job of making every moment special for all those who join us at Camp.

A huge number of our staff group return to Wenonah each year. In 2015 a full 100% of the Summer counselling and program staff team had been at Camp before and/or had graduated from our WCIT leadership program.

Each staff member has a deep commitment to the Wenonah experience, and works so hard to provide each camper, student, and visitor a positive and wholesome experience.

The staff listed below worked during our 2015 season with one or more of our programs, including Camp Wenonah, The Camp Wenonah Centre for Outdoor Education, and Women's Weekends.

20 YEARS ON STAFF

Jeff Bradshaw
Renata Bradshaw

19 YEARS ON STAFF

Liz McClounie
Simon Wells

18 YEARS ON STAFF

Jason Monteith

16 YEARS ON STAFF

Caron Brick
Barb Janicek

13 YEARS ON STAFF

mattburke
Mike Stewart

12 YEARS ON STAFF

Maia Bradshaw
Dan Harrison
Rob Kloet
Susan McClung

11 YEARS ON STAFF

Oliver Gatalo
Brad Laidlaw
Pat Schaefer

10 YEARS ON STAFF

A great friend of Wenonah, Ted Tiemessen, creates an original stained glass piece with the Wenonah logo for our 10 Year Staff recipients

Emma Pickard

9 YEARS ON STAFF

Mieke Barette
Miriam Heavenrich
Stephen LeMesurier
Andrea Mager
Dan Sadler
Chris Williamson
Geoff "Rudy" Williamson

8 YEARS ON STAFF

Marleigh Austin
Fraser McOuat
Celia Saunders
Brittany Shelly
Kevin Smith
Julia Stephenson
Nancy Vandenberg

7 YEARS ON STAFF

Rianne Barette
Natalie Fox
Jamie Kennedy
Lizzie Sarjeant
Thomas "Red" Schenck
Bronwen Tucker

6 YEARS ON STAFF

John Ramsay
Erin Roach
Stephanie Sutcliffe
Jack Tillmann

5 YEARS ON STAFF

Original stained glass pieces, depicting the blue lake and rocky shore so symbolic of life at Summer Camp, are created individually by artist Linda Bennett and presented to our 5 Year Staff.

Stu Alexander
Hannah Best
Eric Caprio
Jackie Clark
Sage Cryderman
Dom Faoro
Alex Keillor
Adam Loveland
Rebecca Malcomson
Gavin McGuire
Jared Perlmutter
Max Saunders
Ally Soule
Graham Steele
Ben Waite
Cam Williamson
Sara Wollschlaeger

4 YEARS ON STAFF

Sydney Bradshaw
Haley Oosterman
Maddy Poole
Hannah Rauseo
Jacqueline Simone
David Wood
Erica Zucker

3 YEARS ON STAFF

Duncan Callum
Geraldine Edwards
Brendan FitzGerald
Helena Kita
Alexandra Kozlov
Carey LeMesurier
Amanda Mills
Jackie Muru
Maggie Nenniger
Jamie Poole
Charles Schubert
Lauren Schwartz
Maddie Sutcliffe
Joseph Taylor
Luke Van Natter
Alex Waite
Carolyn Williamson
Ian Wiseman



2 YEARS ON STAFF

Madison Bradshaw
Jack Carlton
Ryan Cogill
Amy Deschamps
Sean Galway
Rachel Italiano
Bella Larsen
Colin Long
Aiden Marina
Dr. Phyllis McCord
Mark McCutcheon
Emma Murray
Anthony Samuels
Laura Shaughnessy
Eden Shaul
Emily Shilton
Lauren Sudeyko
Nick Tatarsky
Nic Wlodek
Andrew Young
Lauren Zucker

1 YEAR ON STAFF

Eric Backman
Alex Bogdan
Jacob Bradbeer
Ryan Callahan
Brian Costigan
Paula Garcia Herrera
Spencer Jones
Andrew Ladouceur
Jonah Lazar
Zoe Sedlak
Jackie Seiler
Sarah Tilley
Matthew Upton
Hannah Wulfsohn
Della Zhang



PERIOD FIVE & WEENONAH WCITS

Each year, a number of our Summer Camp WCITs join us to offer leadership with our Period Five & WEEnonah introductory programs at the end of August.

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Jolani Raguette
Callum Russell
Ryan Segart
Caitlin Taylor
Mark Van Hees
Cacha Varga



NURSES

Most parents will tell you that the most important things for their children to have at Camp are fun and safety. Thanks to each of our nurses for keeping us all happy and healthy.

14 YEARS

Louise Pope-Rhoden

8 YEARS

Gwen Neizer
Nancy Vandenberg

7 YEARS

Doreen Sauve

6 YEARS

Jane Lowes Ciordas

5 YEARS

Joanna Walenius

4 YEARS

Franziska Hines

3 YEARS

Carol Blair-Murdoch
Erica Childs

2 YEARS

Mary Sutherland

1 YEAR

Andrea Dewling
Carey Forget
Sharon Tucker

WENONAH FOUNDATION



The Wenonah Foundation was established in the late 1990's to assist families with Camp fees. Funded completely through the generous donations of current families, alumni and many friends of Camp Wenonah, the foundation provided financial support that allowed several children to attend Camp in 2015.

On behalf of all of the families that received assistance for their children to attend Wenonah during the 2015 season, we would like to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Wenonah Foundation donors:

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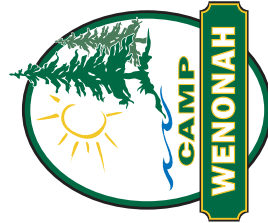
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